

CLAIMS

1. A cleaning article comprising a substrate loaded with a cleaning agent and loaded with a heat generating agent, wherein the cleaning article is adapted for cleaning a surface of an inanimate object and wherein the heat generating agent generates heat when exposed to water.
2. A cleaning article according to claim 1, wherein the heat generating agent is applied to and/or entrained in the substrate such that it can be readily contacted by liquid water when desired and the heat generating agent generates heat as a result of a reaction with water.
3. A cleaning article according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the cleaning article is such that it can be briefly dipped in a body of water and/or placed under running water for a brief period to initiate heat production.
4. A cleaning article according to any preceding claim, wherein the heat generating agent is carried by the substrate such that it remains attached thereto and is not deposited on an object during a cleaning operation.
5. A cleaning article according to any preceding claim wherein the substrate is a woven or nonwoven sheet or a sponge.
6. A cleaning article according to any preceding claim comprising from 1% to 80% by weight of heat generating agent.
7. A cleaning article according to any preceding claim comprising from 0.0001% to 5% by weight of cleaning agent.
8. A cleaning article according to any preceding claim wherein the cleaning agent comprises a surfactant.

9. A cleaning agent according to claim 8 wherein the surfactant is a germicidal cationic surfactant.
- 5 10. A cleaning article according to any preceding claim wherein the substrate is a non-woven wipe.
11. A cleaning article according to any preceding claim, wherein heat generating agent is a dehydrated salt, other mineral or a mixture thereof.
- 10 12. A cleaning article according to claim 10, wherein the heat generating agent is a dehydrated aluminosilicate.
13. A cleaning article according to claim 11, wherein the heat generating agent is a dehydrated 15 zeolite.
14. A cleaning article according to any preceding claim, wherein the heat generating agent is bound to the substrate.
- 20 15. A packaged product comprising a substantially water-tight container preferably having a resealable opening and containing a cleaning article according to any preceding claim, wherein the container is arranged to accommodate the cleaning article in a dry environment until it is desired to employ the article in a cleaning operation.
- 25 16. A method of cleaning a surface of an inanimate object with a cleaning article according to any one of claims 1 to 13, and the cleaning article is provided in a substantially watertight resealable container, and wherein the method comprises removing the cleaning article from the container, contacting the cleaning article with water to initiate heat generation by the heat generating agent and subsequently wiping the surface of an inanimate object with the article.